

**7.5.2 Number of Public K-12 Schools in the United States and Students per School, 2001-2002****Total Number of Schools in the U.S.**

Regular (1)	84,919
Special	1,641
Vocational	328
Alternative	4,492
Total (2)	<u>91,380</u>

**Average Number of Students per School (3)**

Elementary	441
Middle	612
High	753
Other	267

Note(s): 1) Regular schools are those responsible for providing free public education for school age children residing within their jurisdiction.  
 2) Data is based on total number of schools reporting current student enrollment, which varies from the actual number of schools, 94,112. "Special" focuses primarily on special education with materials and instructional approaches to meet the needs of the students. A "vocational" school focuses on technical or career skills and training. An "alternative" school addresses the needs of students that typically cannot be met in a traditional school setting. 3) Averages are for "regular" schools.

Source(s): U.S. Department of Education/National Center for Educational Statistics (NCES), Statistical Analysis Report, Overview of Public Secondary and Elementary Schools and Districts: School year 2001-02 (NCES 2003-411), May 2003.